

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Pharmacists  
All Prescribers  
Nursing Home Administrators  
Regional Support Networks  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Prescription Drug Program: The Medicare Prescription Drug Program  
(Medicare Part D)**

**Effective for dates of service on and after February 21, 2006**, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will pay basic Medicare Part D copayments for Medicare/Medicaid dual-eligible clients.

### **What is changing?**

On February 21, 2006, HRSA will begin paying for basic Medicare Part D copayments for eligible clients up to a maximum of \$5.00 per claim. Claims submitted with dates of service prior to February 21, 2005 are not eligible for copayments paid by the state.

### **Who is eligible for HRSA paid copayments?**

Dual-eligible clients are eligible to have copayments covered by HRSA. Dual-eligible clients are clients who are receiving services from both Medicare *and* Medicaid. Eligible clients' Medical ID cards must display the following:

- An "X" in the Medicare column; and
- "*MedicareRx*" printed on the card.

### **What is the maximum HRSA pays for a copayment?**

HRSA pays a maximum of \$5.00. Medicare Part D prescription drug plans require most clients to pay copayments from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

**Note:** Do not request the dual-eligible client to pay for any Medicare Part D copayments of \$5.00 or less. Copayment amounts above \$5.00 will remain the client's responsibility.

## How do I bill the copayment?

Enter an 8 in the *Other Coverage code* field and enter only the copayment amount in either the *Gross Amount Due* or *Other Amount Claimed Submitted* field. **Do not submit the COB/Other Payment Segment.**

**Note:** HRSA will pay only the copayment of a paid Medicare Part D claim, in the amount indicated by the client's plan up to the maximum of \$5.00 per claim.

## How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.